

Appl. No. 10/713,141
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REMARKS:

In the Claims:

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 21 and 26 have been amended to remove unnecessary limitations.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement (paragraph 1), Applicants first note that the restriction requirement did not mention Figures 6-9 and submit that Figure 9 depicts an embodiment not shown in any of Figures 1-8. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims that read on Figure 9. Claims 1-31 as amended read upon Figure 9. In the event that the Examiner does not accept this election, then Applicants second provisional election is to the species depicted in Figure 4. Claims 1, 14, 21-22, 24, 26, 27, 28, and 31 are readable on at least Figure 4. Applicants reserve the right to present the subject matter of the remaining claims in this or a continuing application.

In further response to the restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction and submit that at least claim 1 is generic and reads upon Figures 1-5, 6-7 and 9. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Conclusion:

In summary, Applicants first provisionally elect for examination claims 1-31, and secondly provisionally elect for examination claims 1, 14, 21-22, 23, 26-28 and 31. Applicants further traverse and request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 2835-73803. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to discuss this case.

Respectfully,

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